

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

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INDIANA.

Crawfordsville Indulges in the Novelty of a Colored-Baby Show.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Dec. 22.—The first colored-baby show ever held in this city was held at the Y. M. C. A. Armory this evening, under the auspices of the Sunday Star. An admission fee of 10 cents was charged, and the net proceeds will go to the two colored churches of this city. Music was furnished. The father of one of the boy babies entered was once the servant of General Grant, and before the war, was a slave in Louisiana. There were twenty-two entries, and each person present received a ticket at the door, on which they placed the name of the baby who, in their judgment, was the prettiest. In this manner the decision was reached, and the babe receiving the highest number of votes received the first prize. The prizes were a baby car, valued at \$2; stem-winding silver watch, worth \$5; gold necklace and brooch, valued at \$5, and a large doll. The first prize was voted to the daughter of Rhoda Ray, second to the son of Bud Derickson, third to Lida McCrea and fourth to Lavinia Hawkins. The electioneering was as lively as at an ordinary election, with the exception of vote-buying. The babies made a fine appearance, and everybody had a good time. The first prize baby received 92 votes, followed by 64, 26 and 22.

Fathless Husband and Wife in Jail.

KOKOMO, Dec. 22.—Officer Bowen of this city, returned from Bourbon, Marshall county, to-day, with Albert Williams and Sarah Williams, a prominent jeweler of Winsboro, O., with a wife and two children, eloped from that place in June, 1889, with Mrs. J. V. Jones, the wife of a farmer of the neighborhood. The fleeing couple, with two children of the woman, came to Greentown, this county, where they lived three months as man and wife, later going to Bourbon, where they have since resided. In the meantime the deserted husband and wife secured divorces in Ohio, and a week ago Jones discovered the whereabouts of his faithless wife, and by a habeas corpus proceeding obtained possession of his children. This done, he wrote an affidavit there and compassed their arrest. The record shows that they are now in jail here in default of bond. They were legally married a few days ago and they will probably plead guilty. Williams is forty years old, the woman thirty-five.

Forgeries Aggregating \$5,000.

VINCENNES, Dec. 22.—The public was astounded to-day at the revelation unearthed in which Harley Crews, a fashionable young man of good family, figured in the leading role. For some time he has been leading a life of luxury and ease, speculating on his father's name and borrowing money from numerous money-lenders. He caught the three banks for over \$1,500, about equally divided, and several other capitalists in sums from \$200 to \$500. In all he has raised over \$5,000, his father's name appearing as security. The parent is indignant and well off, but says he did not know any of the notes and checks are consequently forgeries. To-day young Crews cannot be found and there are a number of people mourning over their losses. Crews' wife and child to bear his disgrace.

Furniture-Smashing Burglar.

WARSAW, Dec. 22.—A burglar entered the home of John Hays at Diasca, a little hamlet on the Nickel-plate railway, and a few miles southeast of this place, a few nights ago. Hays was away from home. His wife, who was the only occupant of the house, gave an alarm upon seeing the strange fellow, and was immediately fallen upon and choked into insensibility. The thief then began his search for valuables, of which he found none. He became enraged and smashed the furniture with a plate-glass mirror, a hanging lamp and various pieces of bric-a-brac. The bed-chamber was set on fire, and the clothes of the family were nearly destroyed. It seems that this appeared his anger, as no further damage is to be discovered.

"Be" Enbanks Gets a Life Sentence.

BREDFORD, Dec. 22.—The new judge, Hon. R. W. Myers, has put two murder cases through here to-day since 11 o'clock this morning. The first one was that of Henry "Be" Enbanks, jointly indicted with his father, Mortimer Enbanks, for murdering the senator, at Mitchell, on the night of the 9th of last November. He pleaded guilty, and was sent to the penitentiary for life after the jury was out twenty minutes. The father's case was heard in the afternoon, and the court opened to-morrow morning. It went to trial immediately after the conviction of his son. He is sure of being convicted to life. The crime was a heinous one and widely published at the time.

Fight with a Madman.

MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 22.—Deputy Sheriff H. C. Baker and Steve Cox drove to John Welch's home in Green township to-day to take charge of him and return him to the insane hospital at Indianapolis, from which he was recently released as cured. They had but recently from their buggy when Welch began throwing stones at them, one striking Baker on the head and seriously wounding him. He then seized a pitchfork and led Cox a chase of a mile or two, when he abandoned the horse and ran. Baker is greatly improved and will recover.

Religious Awakening.

GREENCASTLE, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Niece, an evangelist of Carroll county, is conducting a series of meetings in Floyd township, this county. The meetings were inaugurated a month or more ago, and have thus far resulted in over twenty conversions. The Christian Church in this city is reaping the fruits of the revival. The converts are, in an equal number of accessions having been made to that branch of Zion.

Red Men Celebrate.

BLOOMINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Arizona Tribe of Red Men, of this city, celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of the tribe to-night with a social and banquet. There were over one hundred couples present. Literary exercises of an interesting nature were held at the hall, after which a fine dinner was served at the National Hotel. The order is very strong at this place, having a membership of one hundred.

Young Farmer Murdered.

HUNTINGBURG, Dec. 22.—News reaches here of a murder that was committed near Kellerville, this county. Conrad Keller, a young farmer, was found with his skull crushed with a gun-stock that was lying near him. Suspicion was at once excited against James Kane, who had a difficulty with young Keller some time during the day. Keller was a young man of good repute. Carr is under arrest.

Ended His Life with Strypine.

FRANKLIN, Dec. 22.—George W. son of Milton Alexander, committed suicide last evening by taking strypine. He left this city late in the afternoon, being under the influence of liquor, and then near the house of his brother, James Alexander, south of the city, he took the fatal dose, and was

convulsion when found. He died from the effect of the poison within a few minutes.

Lost Her Home and Took Her Life.

LAFAYETTE, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Johann O'Daily, aged eighty years, was found dead in bed this afternoon by the sheriff, who had gone to the house to evict her as the result of the foreclosure of a mortgage. The loss of her home deranged her mind, and she ended life with a dose of arsenic.

Marion's New Mayor.

MARION, Dec. 22.—George H. Moore, Republican, was elected Mayor of this city to-day by a unanimous vote, to succeed A. E. Steele, resigned. So popular was his nomination that the Democrats declined to put up an opposing candidate. He is considered by everybody a model man for the office.

Prominent Terre Haute Man Killed.

TERRE HAUTE, Dec. 22.—Mr. James McGregory, one of Terre Haute's substantial citizens, and who was largely interested in Cincinnati suburban real estate, was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting to-day.

Fall That Proved Fatal.

PORT WYATT, Dec. 22.—Rev. Dr. Alman Virgil, a well-known minister of the Baptist Church, died here to-day, aged ninety-two years. Death resulted from injuries received in a fall several days ago. He was widely known.

Minor Notes.

Morgan county is to have a work-house.

Arthur Sturgeon was sandbagged and robbed at Logansport.

Revival is in progress in the M. E. Church at Ladoga, and thirty-five persons have joined.

A new Christian church at Mertz was freed from debt and dedicated, Sunday, by Rev. L. Carpenter.

The Monon railway has contracted with the Crawfordsville water-works to furnish water at that place for their engines.

A successful revival at the First M. E. Church, Marion, closed Sunday night with addition of sixty-five to the membership.

The Western Association of Spiritualists has purchased "The Mounds," three miles east of Anderson, as a permanent camp-ground.

John S. Walton, of Costeville, has been indicted for forgery. As agent of Mrs. Byrum, he paid her taxes, and is charged with falsifying the receipts.

William Shurin, a prominent young merchant of Point Abino, Grant county, was killed by a vicious horse Sunday night and fatally injured.

A laborer at the Bonney vice-works, at Marion, had an arm torn from the socket by a machine.

Yester and otherwise seriously injured by being caught in the machinery.

Ed Marr, of Crawfordsville, is under arrest, charged with being the cause of the disappearance of money while he was a clerk for Shadrach Bros., of Indianapolis.

One hundred dollars of the \$260 stolen from T. C. Courtney at Waynetown, last week, has been found in his yard, where the thief had dropped it in leaving the house.

Yesterday afternoon the frame residence on the farm of Levy Beal, one-half mile west of Shidler, Delaware county, burned. The loss was caused from a defective flue. Loss, \$800, partially covered by insurance.

Over a year ago the seven-year-old daughter of John Faulkner, of Brazil, swallowed a two-inch needle. It was held under the skin and nothing was thought of the occurrence. The other day it was extracted from her neck.

A suit for \$10,000 has been entered by Thos. T. Ward against the Monon railway because the train would not stop in order to let him off at Raub's station, and he, in turning off, received injuries that will cripple him for life.

Charles Enipse, aged fifty-five, charged with assaulting little Myrtle Leslie, was released at Muncie on the confederatory statement of the girl and her physician's testimony. At the preliminary trial the girl's father drew a revolver and tried to kill Enipse.

The Hammond life-insurance case, at Greencastle, was decided by Judge McGregory in favor of the defendants, Thomas C. Hammond et al. The equitable company of New York, had paid into the county clerk's office the sum of \$5,000 for the surrender of its policy on Rezin Hammond's life, and the suit was brought to settle the matter.

Mary G. Hammond, sued for the entire amount, but the court divided it among the heirs of Elizabeth Hammond, mother of Rezin.

After two days of excitement and search for the man who attempted to assault a young lady student, the denizens of the classic village of Hanover have about come to the end of the matter. The assailant was a poor tramp, hiding in the woods, who fled on the maiden's approach, simply showing her aside and frightening her almost to death as he passed out of the town.

Students and officers have laid down their arms, after arresting several suspects, who happily escaped lynching while the fever ran high.

ILLINOIS.

Minister Driven Insane by a White Cap Warning.

DANVILLE, Dec. 22.—On Sunday Rev. Milton Lee, who lives a few miles north of this city, became raving crazy. He imagines he is a telegraph operator, and passes all his time in sending and receiving imaginary dispatches. One morning last summer he found in his back yard a letter of hickory with a white cap and a letter which warned him that if he did not treat his family better he would be tied up and whipped within an inch of his life. Constant worry over this threat caused Mr. Lee's insanity.

Brief Mention.

Governor Fifer has appointed James S. Wiley chief grain inspector at Decatur.

In the Circuit Court, at Edinburg, Alexander Bryant was acquitted of the charge of murder for the killing of Bud Edwards last year.

While attending a country dance, Joseph of Illinois, Charles Lane and John Wood had a fight, in which the former was stabbed eleven times, receiving fatal injuries.

Mrs. B. H. Wilson, of Galesburg, has applied for a divorce from her husband, Dr. Wilson, alleging as the grounds drunkenness and cruelty. The couple are well known and popular.

Within the last month a number of gas wells have been sunk at Lamolite, and ten are now in successful operation, supplying heat for the school and private houses, at a price of from ten to twenty-six cents per thousand feet.

Great alarm is felt at Peoria over the sudden and mysterious disappearance of William Vermillion, store-keeper for the Toledo, Peoria and North-Western, about a week ago. He left his home intending to effect the sale of some horses, and from the moment he left his own gate no trace of him can be found. His friends fear he has been murdered.

The county of Bond is having an epidemic of thieving. A gang of armed tramps held up a man at the depot at Smithsburg, and robbed him of his money and watch. Another man on the railway, and took all he had. They took possession of a saloon and ran it wide open. They held up a third man in the main part of the little city, robbing him of his watch and a large sum of money in the presence of several bystanders, who offered no interference. At Logansport, a merchant, and shot at him, but without effect. A tramp went into the residence of Chapman, who is bedridden, and frightened the servant girl away, broke open a bureau-drawer and secured a considerable sum of money.

Did Not Sell to Mormons.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—R. C. Faurot, of Lima, O., sends a telegram to the Associated Press requesting that it make a correction in the statement made in its dispatches last night to the effect that Mr. Faurot had made a contract for the sale to Brigham Young, Jr., of 3,000,000 acres of land in Mexico to be colonized by Mormons. Mr. Faurot says that the contract made in with Young & Co. for a railroad south of Deming, N. M., and that it has nothing whatever to do with the Mormon colonization in Mexico.

WILL PROBABLY NOT PASS

The Shipping Subsidy Bill Endangered by the Alleged Acts of Speculators.

Commissioner Tanner's Re-Rated Clerks Rejected to the Pension Rolls—Exclusion Act Imperiled—Mormon Case Decided.

THE SUBSIDY BILL.

Its Passage Endangered by Speculation in Stocks That Might Be Benefited.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is not improbable that premature speculation in certain stocks, which the adoption of the subsidy bill would boom, will result in the defeat of that measure. The subsidy bill, which is intended to encourage shipping interests and place them upon a footing equal to those of foreign countries, was made an issue in the Republican campaign of 1888, being endorsed by the national convention of that year. The party in Congress agreed upon a bill and it was reported, not long since, in connection with a favorable recommendation. It would be impossible to pass a subsidy bill of any character without materially assisting certain transportation companies—those operating between certain points in the United States and remote parts of the world. It is also known that the Pacific Mail Company would probably receive the greatest benefit from the adoption of a subsidy to defray its expenses in proportion to its capital and magnitude of operation. It was believed on last Friday that the bill would come before the House, and so much interest in the Pacific Mail Company was bought, it is believed by members of the House, that it went up five points—100 to 350 on Saturday. The purchase of this stock, however, was discovered and enemies of the measure began hammering it, until it went down to 31½, and it is believed it will go down still further. There is a great deal of talk about speculation in companies which will receive material benefit if the subsidy bill should become a law, and the measure has been given a very black eye in directions least expected.

EXCLUSION ACT IMPERILED.

Decision by a Texas Judge That Will, If Upheld, Make the Law of Little Value.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—For some time past has been the practice of the Treasury Department to require the Chinese government to enter of entering our territory in violation of the Chinese exclusion act. This applied to Chinese emigrants over the Mexican and Canadian borders, as well as those coming direct from China. A recent decision by Judge Maxey, of the United States District Court for the Western district of Texas, however, will, if sustained, compel a material modification of this practice. It is, in effect, that the government has no right, under the law, to send Chinese laborers to the United States from contiguous countries, unless evidence is produced that they came from China, and in other words, the language of the law authorizing their return to the country whence they came should in such cases be construed to mean that they should be returned to China. In the case in question two Chinese men who had been convicted before a United States commissioner of unlawfully entering the United States, were ordered to be deported to China at government expense. Their counsel applied to Judge Maxey for a writ of habeas corpus, and the judge, in his opinion, ordered their release from custody on the ground that the commissioner had exceeded his authority in ordering them to be sent to China, and that the law authorized relief whatever, as the Chinese returned to Mexico would remain in the vicinity of the border, and would not be a burden to the United States.

RESTORED TO THE ROLLS.

Mr. Bussey Decides that Certain Rejected Pension Office Employees Were Wronged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Assistant Secretary Bussey has rendered a decision holding that the names of George J. Bond and James Edgar Engle, who were dropped from the pension rolls because they were indebted to the United States on account of improper payment of arrears in June, 1889, was an error. The pensioners were employees in the Pension Office, and their pensions were related with back pay to \$300 per month. The decision was based upon his interpretation of the law that for amputation of an arm at the shoulder joint a pensioner was entitled to the same rate as if he had lost the arm at the elbow. On March, 1890, Commissioner Tanner's ruling was revoked, leaving the pensioners indebted to the government. Assistant Secretary Bussey, in a letter to Commissioner Raun, holds that the action of his bureau in suspending the names from the pension rolls was an error, and directs that they be restored to the rolls. He says: "They are to be treated as though there has not been, nor is there due from them any sum for reimbursement of the government on account of overpayment of pension money. This proceeding, however delayed, is essential to the correction of a departmental error and to the cause of justice to the pensioners concerned."

MINOR MATTERS.

An Unnaturalized Resident of Washington, Who Illegally Owns Real Estate.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The law was passed, some years ago, a law prohibiting the ownership, by aliens, of real estate, either in the District of Columbia or the Territories, which has met with some curious attempts to secure an amendment. In the first place an exemption had to be made in favor of Queen Victoria, who owns the British legation. Another bill was passed to exempt the Mexican and the German governments from the provisions of the bill because of the provisions of the bill to relieve Abraham Lincoln, one of the largest merchants in the city, who owns his place of business, valued at something like \$200,000, and a fine residence on Massachusetts avenue, which is worth about \$80,000. It appears that Mr. Lisner knew nothing of this law until the assessor of the District that the statutes of the United States prohibited him from holding a house in his own property, as he came here from Germany in 1885 and has never been naturalized.

Business Transacted by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The small attendance of Senators this morning attracted the attention of the Democrats, and Mr. Harris demanded a call of the roll. Thirty-two Senators responded to the call—twelve less than a quorum. The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed, on motion of Mr. Hoar, to request the presence of the absent Senators. The course of half an hour a quorum was made its appearance.

Mr. Cockrell, from the committee on military affairs, reported, and the Senate passed a bill to establish the Record and Pension Office of the War Department.

Mr. Davies presented, and the Senate adopted the conference report on the Sioux reservation bill.

Mr. Dullon, by request, introduced a bill to incorporate the pan-American Transportation Company.

Mr. Spooner submitted various conference reports on public-building measures. The reports were agreed to. The House agreed to the Senate amendment to the deficiency bill, striking out the appropriation for the pay of clerks of Senators, was non-concurred in.

Killed by Oblique Holman.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—There is little hope now entertained for the ultimate

adoption of the bill for the relief of purchasers of swamp and overflowed lands, which was before the House the other day.

The bill was bitterly opposed by such men as Holman of Indiana. This will be a surprise to Holman's constituents, inasmuch as the State of Indiana is entitled to several thousand acres of land or the equivalent in cash under the provisions of the bill. The measure also gives to Illinois 96,675 acres and Iowa 17,666. It was to be supposed that Holman would advocate this measure, since not only his State, but a number of his constituents, are greatly interested in it, and no one questions the justice of the measure. It is an error, however, and never believes in giving any State just dues. He rather advocates inaction. The bill had not been so bitterly opposed by Indiana as it is reported to have become a law at this session.

Vandalism in the Navy-Yards.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The recent efforts to destroy government property in the New York navy-yard are not the first attempts of the sort. There are many instances to be heard of at the Navy Department, and especially now in the discussion that is going on about the incidents in New York. The United States steamer Ironclad, burned in the dock in the League Island yard in 1873, as it is alleged by discontented workmen. The Delaware was sunk in her slip at Philadelphia. This was thought to be done by persons who wished to buy her. The Fulton was recently found to be settling after leaving a dry dock, and now comes the attempt to sink the Maine. Manifestly, there is an error. These troubles usually arise, it is claimed, from the appointment of political workers to places in the navy-yards. No official protest was made by the Navy Department, and the vandalism in the New York yard has yet been received at the department.

Important Decision in a Mormon Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The United States Supreme Court to-day rendered an important decision in a Mormon polygamy case, holding that a wife is not a competent witness against the husband where polygamy is the crime charged. William H. Hunt was in way found guilty of polygamy on the testimony of his first wife, from whom he had been divorced after he took a second wife. The former testimony, which was the only direct evidence produced, and it was upon her testimony that Bassett's conviction was secured. He took an appeal to the Supreme Court, and the decision of the territorial court, and holds that the wife was an incompetent witness. The case was remanded to the Utah courts, with directions to grant a new trial.

The Raun Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Miss J. Raun, a clerk in the Pension Office, testified before the Raun investigating committee to-day that she had written one letter at Mr. Tanner's request on behalf of the refrigeration company. This letter was written after office hours. Mrs. A. C. Patton, a clerk in the Pension Office, had never done any work for the refrigeration company nor owned any stock in the company. J. D. Ferguson, of Baltimore, was called to the stand, and was asked by Mr. Cooper in examination of the books of Washington banks he had discovered any notes of Commissioner Raun. Mr. Ferguson's answers were confidential and he was not permitted by the department to speak of affairs of the bank. At Mr. Raun's suggestion the examination of the witness was postponed until Chairman Morrill's return, when the admissibility of the question will be decided. Adjourned subject to call.

Clerks Rule May Be Submitted To-Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It does not appear that there is any special action in the Senate on the clerk rule, and it is impossible to predict when the financial bill agreed upon by the Senate finance committee will be called up. The measure itself has not yet been reported back from the committee. It is apparent that no such action will be taken until the clerk rule is secured. The measure is of great importance, as it is a change of some kind in its terms, and it is possible that the clerk rule will be called up at an early hour.

Condition of Senator Hearst.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The condition of Senator Hearst of California, who is suffering from stomach and bowel troubles, is not much changed from that of yesterday. He is still quite ill, and it is probable that it will be some time before he will be able to resume his duties in the Senate. The Senate has not yet been called to order for some time. A few months ago he suffered from Mexican fever, which was followed by an attack of the grip. Since then he has been suffering from indigestion and general debility. Dr. Ward, of New York, an old friend of the Senator's, came to Washington to attend him, but not being able to remain here, he called in Dr. Lincoln of this city, who will now have charge of the case.

Senator Harkness Will Visit the Puyallups.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—State Senator B. F. Harkness, of Kokomo, was to-day appointed to the vacancy on the Indian commission created by the resignation of Judge McBride, of Elkhart, who was last week appointed to the Supreme Bench of Indiana.

Hoosier Fourth-Class Postmasters.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Indiana postmasters were appointed to-day as follows: Hazelwood, Hendricks county, W. J. Tudor, vice S. F. Moore, resigned; Sims, Hendricks county, H. C. Templeton, vice S. W. Ray, resigned.

General Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is said that the President has completed his examination of the papers in the case of the World's Columbian Exposition, and that they have been referred to the Secretary of State for the preparation of the proclamation.

After the journal of the House had been approved the floor was accorded to the bill on the District of Columbia, and three or four measures of purely local and personal nature were disposed of, and the House then adjourned.

The President to-day transmitted to the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior in regard to the disposition of the timber on certain Chippewa reservations in Wisconsin, together with a bill of a bill prepared by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to carry out his recommendations. The Secretary says the provisions of the bill are similar to those in the bill on the calendar on the same subject, and recommends that one of the bills pass.

The Controller of the Currency has called on all the national banks for a review of their condition at the close of business Friday, Dec. 19.

Support for the Thread-Mills Strikers.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the National Cotton Thread-Mills' Association, held at Fall River, the strike at the thread mills in Newark, N. J., was indorsed, and the delegates pledged to extend all possible financial support. It was voted to give \$500 to the national fund to support the strikers, and it was further voted to call meetings of the unions everywhere to grant money from the treasuries or levy assessments on all members.

Fight Between Huns and Slavs.

JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 22.—A desperate fight took place at Hens Creek, a mountain mining town, between the strikers at the thread mills in Newark, N. J., and the parties engaged. Mining picks and pistols were used. The fight occurred in a Hungarian settlement. Three of the parties, including one woman, are reported fatally injured.

Shells Thrown Fifteen Miles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The government engineers at Sandy Hook tested a new thirty-foot rifled gun to-day. Shells were fired to fifteen miles out to sea. The preparations private Alder was badly injured, his head being struck by a steel bar which was knocked off the gun carriage by the recoil.

Baking Powder

Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

Wrought-Iron Pipe

Gas, Steam and Water Goods.

GEO. A. RICHARDS, 68 South Pennsylvania St.

BANKER KEAN'S METHODS

Queer Business Transactions Revealed by the Investigation Now Going On.

Worthless Accounts Carried on the Books as Good—Suits by Depositors That Threaten to Leave Other Creditors in the Cold.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Suits were begun to-day by a number of other depositors in S. A. Kean's bank, who want the amount of their deposits returned to them on the ground that the bank was insolvent when the deposits were made. At the present rate, if all claims of persons who made deposits within thirty days before the suspension are allowed, they promise to eat up nearly all of the assets to the exclusion of other creditors. The assets continue to grow less. It is now estimated that the bills receivable, which are scheduled at \$270,000, will not realize \$100,000. It is said that among these is a note for \$30,000 made by a firm which failed four years ago. Another asset of doubtful value is a note for \$10,000. Investigation of the bank's books shows further that Mrs. Culver's account at Morton Culver's account \$4,000. Many other accounts are also shown in the books. A subpoena, Morton Culver, husband of Mrs. Culver, who was at one time a special partner in the bank, appeared in court this morning to testify that Mrs. Culver had an interest in the bank to the amount of \$35,000, and as far as he knew, there had never been a settlement of the partnership account, though he had endeavored to secure one. The partnership was to have been wholly dissolved last February. The witness believed that the bank was a legal entity, but that Mr. Kean conducted it in an extravagant manner, and could never be brought to make a statement of the condition of the bank. Mr. Kean's attorney, Attorney Mayer went into the value of the securities given by Mrs. Culver and elicited some sensational facts in regard to a commercial agency, by which Mrs. Culver had an interest in the bank amounting to \$35,000 deposited in the bank in the shape of mortgages. The bank had only been able to pay out of the assets of the bank \$35,000 given by a man named J. 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